Midd-West School District

Literacy Initiatives Timeline – Updated May 3, 2013

**2009-2010 School Year**

* July 1, 2009 Arrival of new director of curriculum
* December 2009 Communication and organization of Literacy committee
* January 13, 2010 First Meeting of the Literacy committee
* January – May Literacy Committee Meetings Continue
* June 2, 2010 Teachers received Writing Workshop curriculum
* June 16 2010 Visit to P.S. 317, Waterside Children’s School in Queens

**2010-2011 School Year**

* + Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
  + 1st year of writing workshop for 1st through 5th grade



* + Full-day PD for 1st through 5th grade on writing workshop
  + FDK planning for kindergarten teachers
  + Fall Saturday Reunion (12 elementary teachers)
  + Coaching Institute for Writing

**2011-2012 School Year**

* Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
* Carl Anderson speaker to Midd-West School District
* 1st year of writing workshop for kindergarten
* 1st year of writing workshop for 6th grade
* 2nd year of writing workshop for 1st through 5th grade
* 5 days of staff development throughout the year for K – 5
* Coaching Institute for Writing
* Grade-level meetings focusing on curriculum, instruction & assessment needs
* Professional development days focused on curriculum, instruction & assessment

**2012-2013 School Year**

* Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
* 1st year of writing workshop for 7th grade
* 2nd year of writing workshop for kindergarten
* 2nd year of writing workshop for 6th grade
* 3rd year of writing workshop for 1st through 5th grade
* Reading Workshop pilot at WSE in 4th grade
* Coaching Institute for Writing
* Coaching Institute for Reading
* Implementation of literacy coaches
* 5 days of staff development throughout the year for K – 5
* Grade-level meetings focusing on curriculum, instruction & assessment needs
* Class visitations/Peer observations
* Visitations from Lewisburg Area School District
* Contact from Milton Area School District about scheduling a visitation
* Professional development days focused on curriculum, instruction & assessment

**2013-2014 School Year**

* + Summer Institute at Columbia University Teachers College
  + *Where do we go from here?*
  + Reflecting on Writing Workshop & Move into Reading Workshop
    - 4th & 5th grade team meetings resulted in great conversations
    - Grade-level team meetings continue this week

*Update: October 28, 2013*

* + - Completion of spring grade-level team meetings
  + May 6, 2013 - Approval of sabbaticals to work on K-2 curriculum writing in reading workshop
  + June 7, 2013 - Surveyed the staff about professional development structure for 2013-2014 school year in terms of planning for staff developers, as well as scheduling a home-grown institute to occur at Midd-West during the summer of 2014. Survey results indicated that 47.7% of teachers would like to schedule a home-grown institute during the summer of 2014, 38.6% of teachers would like to have staff developers scheduled as well as a home-grown institute, and 13.6% of teachers would like to have staff developers scheduled for the 2013-2014 school year.
  + Summer 2013 - Grade-level meetings to work on curriculum calendars
  + Starter kits for 3, 4, and 5th grade teachers were distributed
  + New units of study in reading and writing were distributed
  + Some grade levels met a second time throughout the summer
  + Summer reading camp at West Snyder Elementary School offered as a book club for students and as a professional development opportunity
  + Summer meetings with literacy leaders (literacy coaches, curriculum council members, & principals)
  + Book orders completed for classroom libraries K-5
  + 11 individuals attended Summer Reading Institute at Columbia University Teachers College (4-kindergarten teachers, 2-second grade teachers, 1-third grade teacher, 1-fourth grade teacher, 1-reading specialist, 1-elementary principal, and Daphne.
  + August 19, 2013 professional development focused on faculty meetings and close reading strategies
  + August 20, 2013 professional development focused on Words Their Way, administration of running records, RtII, and grade-level meetings
  + Visitations from Warrior Run School District
  + October 14, 2013 professional development focused on reorganization of elementary literacy focus and grade-level meetings